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SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT THE HEDDEN HOME

Clyde Hedden Caught by an Engine
Wheel and Skull Crushed.

Clyde, eleven-year-old son of E. L. Hedden and grandson of Gabe Hedden, living six miles southwest of here, was the victim of a most serious accident late Saturday afternoon, when his skull was fractured by the wheels of an engine. It appears that the engine was used to pump water and stationed near the house. The boy had attempted to move a lever on the machine when his coat caught in the wheels and he was whirled around several times when the coat was torn apart and the boy thrown several feet away from the machine, and he was picked up in an unconscious condition.

Drs. W. H. and C. J. Allen and Dr. DeLamater were at once summoned and the boy's injuries dressed. The boy's skull was broken and his injuries were of the most serious character. The attending surgeons trepanned the skull and brought into immediate action their best medical skill to save the boy. His condition is regarded as very serious.

He recovered consciousness since yesterday but is still in a serious condition.—Rich Hill Review.

Shirt Tails of Famous Men Sold for Red Cross.

Richmond, Va., May 11.—Gov. Davis is among the state executives who have been asked to contribute tails of their cast-off shirts to be converted into kitchen aprons and sold at auction for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The request comes from Eugene A. Stuart of Des Moines, Ia.

"Our plan is to sell at a large public auction kitchen aprons made from the shirt tails of famous men," she wrote. "The entire proceeds will be turned over to the Red Cross."

The request does not specify whether shirts shall be silk or satin.

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MISSOURI CROP REPORT.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 11.—The Missouri Crop Report for May, issued jointly by E. A. Logan, Field Agent for the United States Bureau of Crop Estimates, and Jewell Mayes, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, shows that the present wheat prospect is the best ever known in Missouri. The condition is 95 per cent, indicating a yield of 45,693,000 bushels on 2,846,000 acres, which is more than one and a half times the harvest of 1917.

The crop has improved over last month in all parts of the state, noticeably in the east district with large acreage. Growth was slow in early April and the crop suffered on the uplands of St. Charles, Warren, St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson, a few of the northwest, and the southern Ozark counties. The rains have supplied needed moisture, and, with a normal supply during May, the crop will make a splendid finish. No hessian fly and only Lawrence county reports chinch bugs but rainy cool weather has eliminated them.

Condition of wheat in United States is 84.6 per cent, or 11 points over May, 1917, and the expected yield is 52,639,000 bushels or 54,469,000 above May, 1917.

Rye in Missouri, like wheat, has improved during the month. Condition 93 per cent (12 points above last May), indicates a yield of 506,000 bushels of additional bread grain, which is double the state's yearly production. Condition in United States 85.8 per cent against 88.8 per cent in 1917, and 90.2 for ten years, with indicated yield of 82,629,000 bushels, against 60,145,000 in 1917, and 44,547,000 for ten years average.

The acreage of hay in Missouri is reduced again by plowing for corn. The need for grain crops, and with poor stands of grass, have caused reduction. Present acreage is 3,254,000, condition 87 per cent, probable yield 38,220,000 tons. Prairie hay acreage is gradually decreasing with the main area still in west and southwest districts. All grass crops (except alfalfa) are backward, but rapid improvement is indicated because of recent rains. Farms still have 509,000 tons of last year's crop.

The acreage of hay in United States is 69,531,000, condition of 89.6 per cent, and the yield should be 107,559,000 tons. Yearly production is about 95 million tons.

Spring plowing in Missouri is 80 per cent done, against 76 last year, and 64 for ten years. This work is more advanced than usual, and, but for the rains of last April, would have been completed. Soil working fine, weather ideal, and farmers anxious to put in the largest crop ever planted, advanced spring work. Heavy rains delayed plowing somewhat in the southeast district, necessitating plowing or discing again before planting. In the United States, plowing is 77.5 per cent done compared with 72.4 in 1917, and 69.4 for ten years average.

Spring seeding and planting is 50 per cent done in Missouri, agreeing with the ten year average, but corn planting is ten points behind last year. Seeding of oats, barley, flax, and spring wheat, was practically finished in March. Some corn planted before April rains must be replanted. Fortunately these rains began just before planting turned into full swing, and only a small portion of the corn acreage was planted. Cotton will be planted late. Spring planting in United States is 60.8 per cent completed, against 58.7 in 1917, and 57.5 past ten years.

Condition of oats is 89 per cent with uneven stand due to dry weather; seed broadcasted not well covered failed to come up well until rains, while drilled oats are good stand yet small. Area is large.

Condition of pasture is 80 per cent, coming fast. Last May, 85 per cent. Southern Missouri now has fairly good grazing, but the northern third has had very little pasture. Rains and warm weather are fast bringing grass forward. Pastureage in the United States is 83.1 per cent, against 81.9 last year.

Agricultural prospects in Missouri were never better. All live stock are thriving, spring lambs a promising crop, and sheep shearing just begun. Gardens have been slow, but fast improving. Farmers, enthused over conditions, are trying to beat their 1917 yields, when Missouri produced 25 per cent more than her ten year average. Fields have been well prepared. The greatest need is seasonable weather. Conditions indicate the largest planted acreage of cultivated crops ever grown in this state.

Wheat acreage and condition in the west district:

Bates	294,540	97
Cass	40,380	96
Cedar	23,480	103
Henry	23,500	90
Jackson	24,600	95
Johnson	28,960	100
Lafayette	54,440	98
St. Clair	69,090	98
Vernon	14,020	94
	16,070	101

A Reduced Fare for Soldiers.

Chicago, May 11.—Railway fare of one cent a mile, including war tax, may be granted soldiers and sailors on furlough home by Director General McAdoo within a short time, according to William E. Golden, who returned today from Washington after a conference with the director general.

School Notes.

By A. C. Moreland, County Sup't.

The following pupils who took the final examinations for rural graduation are entitled to diplomas: Lottie Yeates, Mary Enos, Troy Endicott, Myrtle Stults, Frank Lewis, Clarence Erickson, Maude King, Maude Yeates, Geraldine Lewis, Loyd Grosshart, John Burge, Harry Cutting, Frazie Carter, Nora M. Barnett, Irene Seelinger, Roy Culbertson, Buell Beard, Etta Wood, Wilbert Steiner, Charley Wolfe, George Wolfe, Edgar Brayton, Audrey Welliver, Ruth Hall, Vergie Kelly, Gladys Spears, Lowell Fry, Jessie Grant, Eula Swares, Miller Dugan, George Hunt, Ruby Ashbaugh, Opal Ashbaugh, Carroll Berryhill, Tenna Barton, Buford Brant, Vivian Bradley, Elsie Brown, Virgil Borland, Edna Baker, Forest L. Briscoe, Ava Beard, Beatrice Banke, Edgar Binstead, Wayland Baird, Golda Booth, Mary Baie, Susie Cox, Corrinna Corwine, Agnes Callahan, Velma Conard, Connie Chittwood, Roosevelt Catron, Edna Cummings, Juanita Click, Ruby VanFossan, Bertha Moore, Sarah Snow, Gladys Teeter, Monettie Grimsley, Gladys Hendrickson, Myrl L. Smith, Whitney Gilliland, Edith Grimsley, Dorothy Harper, Ben Meekins, Margaret Prine, Alice Stoutsenberge, Bernice Ford, Ruby Moles, Ida Sherman, Lavon Kash, Mollie Graves, Cecil Withrow, Orest Jones, Sarah Gordon, Omeda Dickison, Ophelia Dickison, Earl J. Rice, Blanche Lockard, Marie Dark, Georgie Herman, Marjorie Smith, Ruth Soderstrom, Leona Simpson, Berie Fritts, Orville Moies, Homer Strange, Fay LaFollette, Ray LaFollette, Nina French, Ellison McCord, Maggie McCord, Irene Ewbank, Eddie Nolin, Jimmie Hurt, Elsie Ewing, Edith Kelley, Clarence Edwards, Martha Utley, Birdie Freeland, Lucile V. West, Polie Mawson, Grace Ross, Bessie Mitchell, Marvin Wester, Golda Walker, Ruth Schwenck, Lavilla Sims, Gertrude Fruts, Lela Smith, Charles Lewis, Elbert Gragg, Faye Lee, Hazel McGuire, Gladys Long, Ruby Walker, Neva Freeland, Kenneth McChesney, Clarence Gunn, Bertha Wilson, Marvel Post, Neil Griffin, Opal Fisher, Ruth Snyder, Lucile Stokes, Edith Mier, Bessie Wolf, Francis Galvin, Harry P. Lincoln, Zelma Rider, Arthur Harding, Perry Hill, Thomas Ruddle, Juanita Warren, Charles Harris, Tom Reedy, Walter Nichols, Archie Evans, Viola Evans, Charles L. Kretzinger, Edith Lawson.

There were 142 pupils who passed the examination, and 28 pupils who failed.

Earl J. Rice of the Peru school, made the highest average in the county. His average was 93 per cent. He won the scholarship offered by the Child to the Business College, and the scholarship offered by the Butler school board for the boy making the highest average, and who chose the Butler high school to attend.

Nina French of the Patty school won the scholarship for girls offered by the Butler school board.

Neil Griffin and Marvel Post of the Papinsville school won the scholarship offered by the Rich Hill school board.

Ruby Ashbaugh of the Buckhorn school and Walter Nichols of the Little Deer Creek school won the scholarships offered by the Adrian school board.

Charles Harris of Mt. Zion school (No. 92) and Mollie Graves of the Greenville school won the scholarships offered by the Hume school board.

There will be no rural graduation exercises this year. The diplomas will be mailed to the pupils.

The following pupils received diplomas for perfect attendance and punctuality for the past school term: Velah Hunt, Mable Hunt, Wade Harttrick, Woodie Harttrick, Homer Young, Gladys Spears, Lowell Fry, Ladine Spears, James Spears, Leona Spears, Frances Clark, Renaugh Cummings, Hazel Burk, Kenneth French, Dorothy French, Mae Barnett, Irene Seelinger, Mary Clark, Opal Cummings, Buford Fahnstock, Bryant Page, William Page, Scott Hackler, Ethel Willis, Maggie McCord, Emma Terry, Ellison McCord, Wesley Cox, Ocal Berry, Charles Imel, John Koontz, Lylah Koontz, Laura Spencer, Myrtle Stults, Ola Carpenter, Mae Carpenter, Clyde Carpenter, Sherman Robey, Marian Robey, Bertha Wilson, Cecil Griffin, Harry Lincoln, Fern Jenkins, Fred Jenkins, Ruth Robertson, Marvin Wester, Frank Morris, Teddy Simpson, Murat Shroyer, Agnes Norbury, Edgar Steele, Leta Ogden, Evelyn Grimsley, Reuben Feugate, Freddy Feugate, Florence Ayers, Robert Judy, Marie Smith, Freddie Hellwig, Raymond Campbell, Hazel Steele, Ruby Moles, Marvin Moles, Ella Kuglar, Clara Kuglar, Ralph Porter, Herbert Courten, Lawia Moore, Howard Wear, Alice Bellier, Doris Gilliland, Dote Odneal, Lawrence Pratt, Cecil Chapin, Elmer Chapin, Dove Lowe, Sylvia Kendrick, Ida Oates, Gladys Collard, Emma Henley, Ethely Potter.

New Airplane Mail Stamp.

Washington, May 11.—A new postage stamp of 24-cent denomination is to be issued for aviation mail. Although it is designed primarily to cover the cost of sending mail by the airplane route, it can also be used on other matter. The new stamp will carry the picture of an airplane and the border design will be red and the airplane blue.



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May Term, 1918, of said Court, and
to me directed, in favor of Lena Pigg
and against George Pigg, I have
levied upon and seized all the right,
title, interest and claim of the said
George Pigg of, in and to the following
described Real Estate, to-wit:
Lot six (6) block four (4) Christian
and Condes addition to Butler,
Mo., west one-half (W-1/2)
east one-half (E-1/2) and west one-half
(W-1/2) and east one-half
(E-1/2) lots one (1) and two (2)
in Coggswell's addition to Butler,
Mo.

All lying and being in the said
County and State of Missouri; and I
will on Friday on the 31st day of
May A. D., 1918, between the hours of
nine o'clock in the forenoon and five
o'clock in the afternoon of that day,
at the East Court House Door, in the
City of Butler, County of Bates
aforesaid, sell the same, or so much
thereof as may be required, at Public
Vendue, to the highest bidder for
cash in hand, to satisfy said execution
and costs.

J. W. BAKER,
Sheriff of Bates County, Mo.

Printing Board Refuses to Print State Tax Report.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 9.—The
State Printing Commission has re-
fused to print the recent report of
the State Tax Commission to the
State Board of Equalization, it was
announced today by Cornelius Roach,
who declared that the requisition for
the printing had been rejected by
State Treasurer George Middlekamp
and Secretary of State John L. Sullivan,
majority members of the Printing
Commission. Middlekamp and
Sullivan recently joined with Attorney
General McAllister in adopting a
report on assessments of property in
the State in lieu of the full assessments
made by the State Tax Commission.
In the substitute report the
assessment of property was cut down
more than \$1,000,000.

The report of the commission, with
the letter of transmittal, will be published
and distributed at the personal
expense of the members of the body,
according to Roach. "Certain other
comments" will be included, he said.